

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1103

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Judge David G. Hayes on the occasion of his retirement from the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those jurists who have evidenced devotion to the law and our judicial system throughout their years on the bench; and

WHEREAS, Judge David G. Hayes is one such estimable jurist who has served with distinction on the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals since his appointment in April of 1994; that same year he was elected to the unexpired term and was then reelected to an eight-year term in 1998 and again in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Judge Hayes will be taking a much deserved retirement from the appellate bench on June 30, 2008 to become one of the State's five senior judges; and

WHEREAS, prior to his illustrious tenure as a member of the Court of Criminal Appeals, Judge Hayes rendered sterling service first as District Attorney General and then as Circuit Court Judge of the 27th Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary thirty-two year tenure in service to the citizens of this State, Judge Hayes has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, a sixth-generation Tennessean and Cookeville native, Judge Hayes was educated in the public schools of Obion County and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Tennessee and his law degree from the University of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity as a staff attorney for the Exxon Corporation in Houston, Texas, and then as a partner in the Union City law firm of Maness, Conley, and Hayes prior to being elected District Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, Judge Hayes has lent his legal expertise as President of the District Attorneys General Conference, Chairman of the Judicial Ethics Committee, a member of the

Court of the Judiciary, a member of the Tennessee Judicial Conference, and a part-time faculty member at the University of Tennessee at Martin; and

WHEREAS, he also contributes his time and numerous talents to the Union City Rotary Club, Tennessee Bar Association, Mississippi Bar Association, and Tennessee Trial Lawyers; and

WHEREAS, Judge Hayes exemplifies the allegiance to equality and justice under the law that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, he has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of members of the bench and bar and the parties appearing before his court alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Judge David G. Hayes our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement from his voluminous duties on the Court of Criminal Appeals and wish him every continued success as one of the State's five senior judges.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.